REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 45-63 remain in the application. Claims 1-44 have been canceled without prejudice. No further claims have been amended or added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

While Applicant disagrees with the rejection of claims 1-44 and reserves the right to pursue the claims in a continuation, Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 45-63.

Conclusion

Claims 45-63 have been determined to be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

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Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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